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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN TO VOTE FOR SLOVENIA, BOSNIA, IN HUMAN
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REF: A. STATE 64169

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Classified By: DCM Susan L. Ziadeh for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Further to Ref B, the Ambassador May 15 discussed the upcoming UN Human Rights Council election with MFA Assistant Under Secretary for Coordination and Follow Up Shaikh Abdul Aziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa. Indicating that Bosnia had officially announced its candidacy, the Ambassador said that Bahrain could now avoid Belarus by voting in favor of two alternative candidates. Shaikh Abdul Aziz said that he and his staff had discussed the election earlier that day and had decided to vote in favor of Slovenia and Bosnia for the two Eastern European group seats.

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